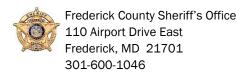
## **News Release**



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## **Burglary Public Service Announcement**

On June 21, 2017, during daylight hours, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office took a report of a burglary and attempted theft that appeared to target an elderly resident in the 4200 block of Urbana Pike. The victim, a 74 year old female resident, answered her door and was met by a W/M 5' 5" wearing a plaid shirt/ blue suede sneakers with pink trim, and Bermuda style shorts.

The male indicated that his company would be completing tree trimming work at an adjacent property and directed the victim outside her residence and to the rear of her address to discuss property line issues. The male then left the property about 10 minutes later, after completing his conversation, in a black or navy blue hatchback vehicle. The male entered the vehicle on the passenger side indicating there was someone else operating the vehicle.

The victim entered her home and realized that her bedroom had been entered and a dresser drawer had been opened and rummaged through. No items were stolen.

It is clear from the investigation that the original male distracted the victim while an unknown accomplice entered the home looking for valuables.

The Sheriff's Office currently has no other similar reported incidents in the county. We are asking anyone that may have had a similar experience or has any information regarding this specific incident to call the Sheriff's Office at 301-600-1046. Det. Amanda Sisson is the investigating Deputy.

The Sheriff's Office wants to take this opportunity to remind residents to closely scrutinize individuals who represent themselves as home improvement professionals and come unsolicited to your home. Legitimate business employees should have proper credentials showing their Maryland Home Improvement Registration number or ID. If you feel at all uncomfortable, do not allow anyone into your home and dial 911 for a law enforcement response.